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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
Portals II, TW-A325
Attention: Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau

RE: CC Docket No. 00-257

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Federal Communications Commission Rule Section 64.1120(e), Red River Telecom, Inc. (Red River) hereby notifies the Commission that effective November 1, 2002, Red River will acquire the Wyndmere and Fairmount, North Dakota telephone exchanges from Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota (Citizens) and the affected subscriber base will be transferred at that time to Red River. As a result of the acquisition, local and intrastate toll services will be provided by Red River to the affected subscribers.

Red River hereby certifies that it has complied with the Commission's requirements to provide advance subscriber notice in accordance with Section 64.1120(e)(3), with the obligations specified in that notice, and with other statutory and Commission requirements that apply to this streamlined process.

A copy of the notice sent to affected subscribers is attached hereto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ardon M. Doran'.

Ardon M. Doran
General Manager

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September 25, 2002

Dear Customers in the Fairmount and Wyndmere Exchanges:

Welcome! Red River Telecom, Inc. is pleased to inform you that on November 1, 2002, the sale of your telephone exchange from Citizens Communications will be complete and we will be providing your local telephone service.

Red River Telecom, Inc. is a subsidiary of Red River Rural Telephone Association. Our company is headquartered in Abercrombie, ND and already provides service to the Hankinson and Lidgerwood exchanges. Our employees take pride in customer service and in providing telecommunications services. We will strive to make this transition as smooth as possible.

You should notice little change in your telephone service. Current monthly rates and the quality of your line will remain the same. However, there are several important changes you need to be aware of:

Locations of Office and Hours of Operation

- Our business office is located at 506 Broadway in Abercrombie, ND.
- Office hours are 7:30 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.
- Our mailing address is:

**Red River Telecom, Inc.
PO Box 136
Abercrombie, ND 58001**

Services

- As your new local service provider, Red River Telecom, Inc. will be responsible for all service issues as of November 1, 2002. For any problems arising before November 1, you should contact Citizens Communications.
- To request new service or for Red River Telecom, Inc. customer service, call 811 toll-free (valid only within our service area), 701-553-8309, or call 1-866-553-8309.
- To report trouble after hours, call 611 toll-free (valid only within our service area) or call 1-800-417-8685.
- Enclosed is a sticker with our telephone numbers for easy reference.
- If you have any questions about this notice or your service, please contact our Customer Service representatives toll-free at 1-866-553-8309.

"For All Your Telecommunications Needs"
Phone 701/553-8309 • FAX 701/553-8396

There is no charge to you for the switch in service from Citizens Communications to Red River Long Distance. Red River Telecom, Inc. will be responsible for any long distance carrier change charges associated with the sale.

- If you have existing preferred carrier freezes on your long distance carriers with Citizens, those freezes will be lifted and you must contact Red River in writing to arrange a new freeze.
- You will be notified at least 30 days prior to any changes in Red River Telecom, Inc.'s local basic service rates, long distance rates, terms or conditions through a direct mail letter, bill insert or newsletter.

The employees at Red River Telecom, Inc. and Red River Rural Telephone Association are committed to providing you with high quality telecommunications services. Red River Rural Telephone Association has long been an innovator in providing the latest in up-to-date telecommunications services, with an emphasis on customer service.

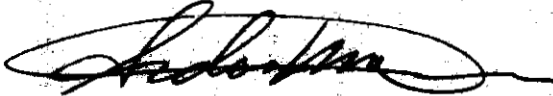
To aid our new customers in this conversion process, we have scheduled time where we will be available in your community to answer any questions or concerns you may have. The following places, dates and times have been set:

Wyndmere: Tuesday, November 12 at the Wyndmere Fire Hall from 4 - 7 p.m.

Fairmount: Thursday, November 14 at the Fairmount Community Center meeting room from 4 - 7 p.m.

We have tried to cover areas we feel may be of concern to you. We appreciate the opportunity to handle your communications needs and look forward to providing the quality service you expect and deserve.

Sincerely,



Ardon M. Doran
General Manager